

LEWIS BUILDING
2463-65 Washington Boulevard
Ogden
Weber County
Utah

HABS No. UT-116

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STATE UTAH	COUNTY WEBER	TOWN OR VICINITY OGDEN
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) LEWIS BUILDING (NEWSPAPERS)		HABS NO. UT-116
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE NONE OF RECORD		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 2463-65 WASHINGTON BLVD., OGDEN, UTAH 84401		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1888 ABSTRACT OF TITLE	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) UNKNOWN	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) ELEMENTS OF ART DECO		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) BRICK AND PLASTER		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPT. THE TWO STORY BUILDING APPEARS TO HAVE ORIGINALLY BEEN CONSTRUCTED AS TWO SEPARATE BUILDINGS WITH DIMENSIONS OF 18X151' AND 24X151' RESPECTIVE		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE FOUR METAL FRAMED CHICAGO STYLE WINDOWS SET IN VERTICALLY RIBBED CONCRET FACADE. THE FACADE INCLUDES SOME ELEMENTS OF ART DECO STYLE.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) THE INTERIOR IS I POOR CONDITION INCLUDING EXTENSIVE WATER DAMAGE; THE DESIGN IS OPEN FOR RETAIL USE. A LOFT IS LOCATED TO THE REAR AND HAS BEEN USED FOR STORAGE A NARROW STAIRWAY LEADS TO AN UNFINISHED BASEMENT USED PRIMARILY FOR UTILITIES.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES c. 1925 ART DECO FACADE ADDED ALONG WITH ADDITIONS TO THE REAR OF BUILD THAT INCREASED BUILDING AREA BY APPROXIMATELY 50%.		
PRESENT CONOITION AND USE PRESENTLY VACANT WITH A PROJECTED DEMOLITION DATE OF MAY 1987.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) STRUCTURE/SITE INFORMATION FORM PREPARED BY FRED AEGERTER.		
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STATEMENT OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Construction Date c.1888

The Lewis Building appears to have been constructed c. 1888. The Sanborn Insurance Maps and facade seem to indicate that what is now one building was originally constructed as two buildings. The building was remodeled c. 1925, at which time the present facade was added along with rear additions which more than doubled the original floor area of the building. The address on the building was probably 2463-2465 Washington Boulevard until the last few decades, at which time the address was changed to 2461-2465 Washington Boulevard.

The original structures were erected by John S. Lewis and his brother, Hyrum S. Lewis, who operated the John S. Lewis Co., a jewelry store, at 2463 Washington through the 1890's. By 1900, the business was located at 2437 Washington. John D. Lewis and other family members owned the store through 1898.

The building at 2465 Washington was the establishment of Jennings, Last & Thomas, a dry goods store. They were located here during the 1890's. By 1897, Paine and Hurst, another dry goods establishment occupied the building. They were located here through 1901, at which time they moved one door south to 2469 Washington.

In April, 1898, James H. Spargo purchased these buildings and located his book store at 2465 Washington in 1902. The bookstore continued at this address through the late 1920's.

Spargo was a native of Cornwall, England, coming to Utah in 1877. He worked as a blacksmith foreman for the Ontario mine until 1887, at which time he moved to Ogden and worked in a bookstore which he eventually purchased with S.H. Giesy. Spargo bought out Giesy's interest and continued to operate the business until his death in 1905, at which time, his son, John N., took over the business.

John N. Spargo had been studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania at the time of his father's death. John returned to Ogden and operated the bookstore and the J.H. Spargo Real Estate Co. at 2465 Washington.

While there were various tenants at 2463-65 Washington from the time Spargo purchased the buildings in 1898, there are several major ones with some longevity which should be mentioned. McBride Drug was located at 2463 Washington from 1912 through the late 1920's. They were replaced by Keeley's Ice Cream which operated at this address through the mid-1970's.

Spargo Bookstore was located at 2465 Washington through the mid 1930's, at which time, Arden's Women's Clothes located at this address. Arden's was at this address through the mid-1970's. The building is now vacant at 2465, but the north side of the building is the location of Blimpie's Sandwich Shop.